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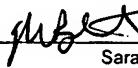
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In re Application of:

BAUER, John C. et al.

Application No.: 10/811,062

Filed: March 25, 2004

For: CIRCULAR SITE-DIRECTED
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed January 26, 2006. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee are filed herewith. Applicants also file an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form/SB/08 along with a Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.